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C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 0767

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT

SUBJ: LESOTHO NAMES NEW MINISTER OF WORKS

REF: (A) MASERU 749, (B) MASERU 750

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. GOL ANNOUNCED EVENING JULY 14 THAT DR. KENNETH THULO MAPATHE WILL ASSUME DUTIES AS MINISTER OF WORKS, REPLACING CHIEF S. N. MASERIBANE, WHO WAS MINISTER OF WORKS AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. BIOGRAPHIC DATA: BORN JULY 10, 1914, AT MAFETENG, LESOTHO. MEDICAL DEGREE IN BRITAIN 1961. SECRETARY GENERAL BNP 1960-1972, PERMSEC MINISTRY OF HEALTH 1970-1972. BROKE WITH PM IN 1972 OVER POLICY. CONSIDERED MEMBER OF LIBERAL INTELLECTUAL WING OF BNP, KNOWN TO DISLIKE DEPOSED DPM. DR. MAPATHE IS PRO-AMERICAN, FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE. HE IS MARRIED WITH FIVE SONS.

3. RELIABLE SOURCES IN GOL HAVE CONFIDED THAT THE POSITION OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WILL REMAIN VACANT INDEFINITELY. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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